



RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-21, 1600 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-21 by 1600 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the “Freedom Convoy” at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- All roads near the Ambassador Bridge have reopened for traffic.
- A post is advertising a “Rolling Freedom Rally” in Port Huron, Michigan on 2022-02-26 at 1000 hours; a location was not specified in the flyer.

NIAGARA REGION

There is a planned demonstration of support for protestors returning from Ottawa to the Niagara area (Figure 1). Social media users intend to gather on overpasses and at exits along the QEW to cheer on protest participants they are referring to as “heroes”. One of the returning protestors shared they would be exiting the QEW at exit 71 in Grimsby this evening after 5pm (Figure 2, next page).¹ The POEs are not believed to be impacted by this.



Figure 1: Facebook post referencing demonstration this afternoon in the Niagara area.

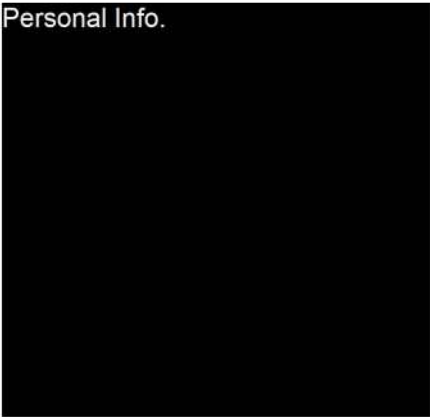


Figure 2: Twitter post referencing the possibility of demonstrations at the Burlington Skyway beginning Thursday

Peace Bridge/Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

One posting referenced the possibility of a demonstration in Kingston and provided advice on how to protect themselves at the protest location (Figure 3).ⁱⁱ Although the final destination was not revealed, it appears this will not impact the POEs in the region.

Community Alert

Another far-right "slow roll" is planned for **February 21st**, departing **1:30pm** from the Highway 38 carpool at Gardiners road. The destination has not been released but is likely to be a park or public space as participants have been encouraged to bring their children and toboggans.

Whereas black and indigenous families struggle disproportionately with interference from Children's Aid Societies, white parents are pushing their children to "hold the line" in dangerous demonstrations of far-right ideologies. We remind you that, even as some will hide behind their children this "Family Day", in large numbers the participants of these political rallies are demonstrably confrontational and aggressive toward those attentive to public health, and especially to those opposing their vicious nationalism and unapologetic collaboration with fascists.

Anti-fascists actions we can engage in according to our capacities/interests include:

- Posting updates on the route and destination as they become available
- Photographing licence plates of aggressive or abusive drivers, and documenting business logos on their vehicles
- Alerting bystanders of the far-right nature of the protest

we protect us

Figure 3: Facebook post referencing the planned demonstration in Kingston today

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CORNWALL

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

WINDSOR

Windsor Police advised that side streets near the Ambassador Bridge are open.ⁱⁱⁱ Publicly visible posts on social media continue to predominately relate to events in the Ottawa area. No posts of concern regarding the POE were observed.

SARNIA

s.37 a user shared a post advertising a “Rolling Freedom Rally” in Port Huron, Michigan on 2022-02-26 at 1000 hours (Figure 4)^{iv} There are no comments indicating support for the event. Searches on Facebook, Twitter, and other s.37 did not locate additional information. The location of the event is not specified, but it is possible vehicles could attempt to slow roll or block traffic at the Blue Water Bridge on either side of the border. However, at this time there is no information indicating at protest on the Canadian side.



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SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATION

There has been a marked decrease on social media in regards to future protest activities at or near Ontario land and air POEs. It is possible that demonstrations may surface in the coming days or weeks, however, no specific dates, times or locations have been observed.

This report will conclude the BI Open Source reporting on a daily basis. Ad hoc reports may be requested or authored by CIB to advise senior management of any upcoming disruptions to any POE.

LIMITATION

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats.

DISSEMINATION

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ⁱ [U] Facebook Group Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/653566695959635/>, accessed 2022-02-21

ⁱⁱ [U] Facebook post from Mutual Aid Katarokwi-Kingston. <https://www.facebook.com/MutualAidKatarokwi/>, accessed 2022-02-21

ⁱⁱⁱ [U] Open Source, Windsor.ctvnews.ca/more-traffic-access-given-to-side-streets-intersecting-huron-church-road-1.5789852. Accessed on 2022-02-21.